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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN AIRCRAFT OVER WEST SEA

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1. REFTEL REPORTED MARCH 24 PENETRATION OF NORTH KOREAN AIRCRAFT INTO AIRSPACE OVER WESTERN ISLANDS AND OVER-FLIGHT INTERNATIONAL WATERS SOUTH NORTHERN LIMIT LINE. MORNING MARCH 25 MND MADE UNILATERAL PRESS RELEASE CHARGING THAT 30 NORTH KOREAN FIGHTER AIRCRAFT VIOLATED AIRSPACE AROUND PAENGYONG-DO AND SIX AIRCRAFT INTRUDED 50 MILES INTO AIRSPACE OVER ROK "OPERATIONAL WATERS."

MND CHARGED NORTH WITH INTENTIONAL HOSTILE ACTION IN INTRUDING FAR TO SOUTH AND THREATENING PAENGYONG-DO AIRSPACE. MND CLAIMED THIS SECOND RECENT NORTH KOREAN ACTION THREATENING WER; FIRST WAS FEB 26 INCIDENT. MND PUBLICLY CALLED ON UNC TO PROTEST THROUGH MAC.

2. AFTERNOON PAPERS MARCH 25 PRINTED MND STATEMENT ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRIED ITEM AS LEAD STORY.

3. UNC/MAC HAS TRANSMITTED TO SENIOR MEMBER
KPA/CPV CHARGE OF ARMISTICE VIOLATION CONSISTING OF
PENETRATING AIRSPACE ABOVE SOCHONG-DO AND PAENGYONG-DO.
UNC DID NOT CHARGE THAT NORTH VIOLATED ARMISTICE BY
FLYING SOUTH OF NORTHERN LIMIT LINE NOR DID IT MENTION AIRSPACE
OVER ROK "OPERATIONAL WATERS." IT DID POINT OUT TO NORTH,
HOWEVER, THAT MANEUVERS FAR SOUTH OF NORMAL OPERATING
AREAS UNUSUAL, PROVOCATIVE,
AND COULD HAVE
LED TO SERIOUS INCIDENT.
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